## The 'Pick List'

# **Choosing an Employment Provider** in **Washington County**







### **How to Use This List**

As a client of Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VR), you are now a part of a team focused on your employment goals. VR has a list of employment service providers located throughout the state. These providers will help you achieve your goals by giving you the supports and services you need—things like help with writing a resume, filling out applications, or on-the-job coaching.

Now that your counselor has determined you are eligible for services, you have the opportunity to select an employment provider in your area. On the following pages, you'll find the employment providers in your county along with their contact information and a list of services they offer.

Be sure to ask your VR counselor if you don't know what some of the services are. The services you need will depend on your goals. You may not need all of the services you see listed on the chart.

We encourage you to contact each of the providers on this list. You can call them, set up a meeting, or send an email. Tell them you are a VR client and you would like to talk with them about the services they offer. Take notes so you can compare providers and choose the one that's right for you. It's important to select the provider you feel most comfortable working with and the one that you think can best help you meet your goals.

Once you've chosen an employment provider, tell your VR counselor. She/he will get things started for you.

#### Any questions? Ask your VR counselor!

My VR Counselor				
Name				
Phone				
Email				



## **Providers Serving Washington County**

Address	Contact	Individuals Served			
Benchmark Human Services Main Office & Service Site Location: 3815 River Crossing Parkway, Suite# 133 Indianapolis, IN 46240	Glenda Agostino (317) 522-8493 gagostino@benchmarkhs.com	<ul> <li>Addictions/Alcohol/ Drug Substance Abuse</li> <li>Autism Spectrum Disorders</li> <li>Blind &amp; Visually Impaired</li> <li>Chronic Illness</li> <li>Criminal Background</li> <li>Deaf &amp; Hard of Hearing</li> <li>Intellectual/Developme ntally Disabled</li> <li>Emotional Disabilities</li> <li>Homeless Population</li> <li>Mental Illness</li> <li>Neurological Disabilities</li> <li>Post-Secondal Physical Disabilities</li> <li>Speech Impair</li> <li>Transition-Age Students</li> <li>Traumatic Bra</li> <li>Unemployed/ployed</li> <li>Veterans</li> </ul>	ory ry illities red e		
Blue River Services, Inc. Main Office & Service Site Location: 1365 Old Highway 135 Northwest Corydon, IN 47112  Service Site Location: 405 North Capitol Avenue Corydon, IN 47112	Ronda Elrod (812) 738-6901 bresmgr@brsinc.org	<ul> <li>Addictions/Alcohol/ Drug Substance Abuse</li> <li>Autism Spectrum Disorders</li> <li>Bi-lingual</li> <li>Blind &amp; Visually Impaired</li> <li>Chronic Illness</li> <li>Criminal Background</li> <li>Deaf &amp; Hard of Hearing</li> <li>Intellectual/Developme ntally Disabled</li> <li>Emotional Disabilities</li> <li>Legal Barriers</li> <li>Neurological Disabilities</li> <li>Post-Secondal Physical Disab</li> <li>Speech Impair</li> <li>Transition-Age</li> <li>Students</li> <li>Traumatic Bra</li> <li>Unemployed/ ployed</li> <li>Veterans</li> </ul>	ory ry illities red e		
First Chance Center Main Office & Service Site Location: 986 West Hospital Road Paoli, IN 47454	Rebecca Kemple (812) 723-4486 rkemple@firstchancecenter.com	<ul> <li>Addictions/Alcohol/ Drug Substance Abuse</li> <li>Autism Spectrum Disorders</li> <li>Bi-lingual</li> <li>Blind &amp; Visually Impaired</li> <li>Chronic Illness</li> <li>Criminal Background</li> <li>Deaf &amp; Hard of Hearing</li> <li>Intellectual/Developme ntally Disabled</li> <li>Homeless Population</li> <li>Legal Barriers</li> <li>Mental Illness</li> <li>Neurological Disabilities</li> <li>Post-Secondal Physical Disabilities</li> <li>Speech Impair</li> <li>Transition-Age Students</li> <li>Traumatic Bra</li> <li>Unemployed/ployed</li> <li>Veterans</li> </ul>	ory ry illities red e		
Goodwill of Central and Southern Indiana, Inc. Main Office & Service Site Location: 1635 W. Michigan Indianapolis, IN 46222	Nicki Washburn (317) 524-4271 nwashburn@goodwill-indy.org	<ul> <li>Deaf</li> <li>Blind</li> <li>Developmentally</li> <li>Disabled</li> <li>Transition-Age Students</li> <li>Mental Illness</li> <li>Nurse-Family Partnership</li> </ul>			



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Indiana Mentor Main Office & Service Site Location: 17 Timberland Pass Bedford, IN 47421  Service Site Location: 820 East Tipton Street Seymour, IN 47274	Barry Crane (812) 276-3922 barry.crane@thementornetwork.com	<ul> <li>Addictions/Alcohol/ Drug Substance Abuse</li> <li>Autism Spectrum Disorders</li> <li>Bi-lingual</li> <li>Blind &amp; Visually Impaired</li> <li>Chronic Illness</li> <li>Criminal Background</li> <li>Deaf &amp; Hard of Hearing</li> <li>Intellectual/Developme ntally Disabiled</li> <li>Emotional Disabilities</li> <li>Homeless Population</li> <li>Mental Illness</li> <li>Non-Ambulatory</li> <li>Neurological Disabilities</li> <li>Post-Secondary</li> <li>Physical Disabilities</li> <li>Speech Impaired</li> <li>Transition-Age</li> <li>Students</li> <li>Traumatic Brain Injury</li> <li>Unemployed/Underem ployed</li> <li>Veterans</li> </ul>			
<b>LifeSpring Health Systems</b> Main Office & Service Site Location: 460 Spring Street Jeffersonville, IN 47130	Cheryl Ford (812) 206-2026 cheryl.ford@lifespringhealthsystem.org	<ul> <li>Addictions/Alcohol/ Drug Substance Abuse</li> <li>Chronic Illness</li> <li>Criminal Background</li> <li>Emotional Disabilities</li> <li>Homeless Population</li> <li>Mental Illness</li> <li>Unemployed/Underem ployed</li> </ul>			
New Hope Services, Inc. Main Office & Service Site Location: 725 Wall Street Jeffersonville, IN 47130  Service Site Location: 1642 West McClain Avenue Scottsburg, IN 47170	Tiffany Nichols (812) 288-8248 Ext. 121 tiffany_nichols@newhopeservices.org	<ul> <li>Addictions/Alcohol/ Drug Substance Abuse</li> <li>Autism Spectrum Disorders</li> <li>Blind &amp; Visually Impaired</li> <li>Chronic Illness</li> <li>Criminal Background</li> <li>Deaf &amp; Hard of Hearing</li> <li>Intellectual/Developme ntally Disabilities</li> <li>Emotional Disabilities</li> <li>Homeless Population</li> <li>Mental Illness</li> <li>Non-Ambulatory</li> <li>Neurological Disabilities</li> <li>Post-Secondary</li> <li>Physical Disabilities</li> <li>Speech Impaired</li> <li>Transition-Age Students</li> <li>Traumatic Brain Injury</li> <li>Unemployed/Underem ployed</li> <li>Veterans</li> </ul>			
Rauch, Inc. Main Office & Service Site Location: 846 Park Place North New Albany, IN 47150  Service Site Location: 215 East Spring Street New Albany, IN 47150  Service Site Location: 941 W. McClain Avenue Suite D Scottsburg, IN 47170	Holly Adam (812) 542-3077 hadam@rauchinc.org	<ul> <li>Deaf</li> <li>Blind</li> <li>Developmentally Disabled</li> </ul> <ul> <li>Traumatic Brain Injury</li> <li>Mental Illness</li> </ul>			



## **Provider Employment Services**

This chart lets you compare providers based on the services they offer.

AT – Assistive Technology	AU Eval. – Audiological Evaluation	BI – Behavioral Intervention		
BIN – Benefits information Network	<b>DE</b> – Driver Education & Training	<b>DME Eval</b> - Durable Medical Equipment Evaluation		
<b>HM</b> – Home Modifications	MH/C – Mental Health Therapy/Counseling	OT – Occupational Therapy		
PT – Physical Therapy	TR – Transportation Training	TT – TABE Testing		
TTW – Ticket to Work	<b>VM</b> – Vehicle Modifications	WIPA – Work Incentive Planning Assistance		

Provider	Situational Assessment	Job Shadows	Vocational Testing	Work Experience	Job Development/ Placement/ Retention	Job Readiness Training	On-the-Job Supports	Supported Employment	Additional Services
Benchmark Human Services	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	BIN
Blue River Services, Inc.	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	BIN and DE
First Chance Center	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Goodwill of Central and Southern Indiana, Inc.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	BIN and TTW
Indiana Mentor	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	BIN
LifeSpring Health Systems	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	
New Hope Services, Inc.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	BIN
Rauch, Inc.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	BIN and TTW



## **Glossary**

#### **Assistive Technology**

Any equipment, item, or technology used to improve function and capability.

#### **Benefits Information Network**

A group of Indiana professionals who have been trained in and have knowledge of federal, state, and local benefits and work incentives. BIN liaisons understand the impact of income on long-term supports and services and can advise workers and families on how best to maintain employment while building more financial independence.

#### **Discovery**

An opportunity to explore talents, interests, preferences, capabilities, and ideal work environment in order to identify an appropriate vocational goal. Specific Discovery activities vary based on individual need, but could include vocational testing, job shadowing, or career exploration.

#### Home and Wheelchair Modification

Any change to a home or workplace environment that can help an employee get to work or access a job site. Examples could include widening a doorway or creating a keyboard tray for a wheelchair.

#### Job Development/Placement/Retention

The process of working with an employer to either identify appropriate jobs and promote an individual with disabilities as a job candidate or help an individual keep a job.

#### **Job-Readiness Training**

The process of assisting clients in identifying goals as well as training strategies designed to help an individual meet them.

#### **Job Shadowing**

The opportunity to visit an employer in the community and observe different jobs.

#### **On-the-Job Supports**

Supports provided in the workplace to help an employee learn and maintain a job. These include the use of a job coach or consultation with an employment specialist.

#### **Situational Assessments**

Activities that give an employment provider the chance to observe an individual in a certain working environment or doing a specific job task.

#### **Supported Employment**

Paid, community-based employment with ongoing supports that can help individuals learn tasks, be included, and keep their jobs.

#### **Ticket to Work**

A free work incentive program from the Social Security Administration for some people with disabilities who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). Eligible individuals can assign their "ticket" (not a real paper ticket) to an employment network or to Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation Services for coordinating job search, placement, and retention services.

#### **Work Experiences**

First-hand, work-based learning opportunities that can help determine individual interests and preferences.